

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 22-24 are all the claims pending in the present application, claims 21 and 25-29 having been canceled as indicated herein. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-15, 20, and 22-24 are allowed. Also, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating in the Advisory Action dated March 3, 2008, that claims 16-19 would be allowable if the non-allowable claims are canceled.

Claims 21 and 25-29 are canceled as indicated herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

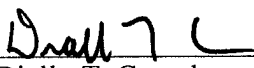
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